

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Satoshi NIIYAMA, et al.

SERIAL NO: New Application

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FOR: LIQUID CRYSTAL OPTICAL ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/807,425, filed July 3, 2001, which is the National Stage of PCT/JP99/05765 filed on October 9, 1999, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	10-298620	October 20, 1998
Japan	10-298621	October 20, 1998
Japan	10-298624	October 20, 1998

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